

### **SBA 8(a) “QUICK CHECK”**

1. Are you and any other individual claiming disadvantaged status a U.S. Citizen?  
\_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
2. Have you been discriminated against in the U.S.? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
3. Is your personal net worth under \$250,000? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO  
(Excluding residence and business)
4. In general, has your legal record been favorable? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO  
(No prior convictions, parole, probation/prison or other similar incidents)
5. Currently you/your firm is not responsible for any tax liens or unsatisfied judgments? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
6. Do you unconditionally own 51% of the firm applying for the 8(a) program? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
7. Is this your only employment and/or business ownership? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
8. Do you have ultimate managerial accountability for the business? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
9. Can you sign company checks? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
10. Do you maintain the highest position in the firm? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
11. Has your firm filed Federal business tax returns for the last 2 years reflecting revenues in the industry in which your firm seeks 8(a) certification? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
12. Are you the highest compensated individual in the firm? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
13. Is your firm a small business? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
14. Is your firm current in its payment of operating expenses? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
15. Is your firm current in its payment of payroll taxes? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
16. Is your firm a for-profit business? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
17. Does the Federal government purchase the goods/services offered by your firm?  
\_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
18. If your firm sells a product, does it maintain inventory and sell to customers from that inventory? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO
19. In your business career, you affirm that you have never been debarred from doing business with the Federal government. \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

If you responded “YES” to all of the above questions, you/your firm may be eligible for the 8(a) Business Development program. You are encouraged to learn more about the

8(a) Program at the E-Application website:  
<https://sba8a.symplicity.com/applicants/guide>

You can also contact Joeann Shaeffers of the SBA's New Jersey District Office at 973-645-4651 or via e-mail: [joeann.shaeffers@sba.gov](mailto:joeann.shaeffers@sba.gov) for additional information.

***The above "Quick Check" questions should be used as a guide to assist you in determining your prospects for eligibility in the 8(a) program. It is not an official SBA 8(a) application, decision or a substitute for your formal application.***